

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that Applicant designate one of the inventions that belong to the set of claims belonging to two identified Groups (Groups I and II) and to five identified Species (Species 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) as set forth in the Office Action. The Examiner has required that Applicant elect to prosecute one of the two groups of claims and one of the five Species of claims. Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction with regard to the five Species of Group II. Applicant respectfully submits that the restriction is improperly too restrictive. Applicant elects Group II and Species 2 with traversal. Currently, claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Please cancel claims 1-14 and 30-32 without prejudice since they belong to a non-elected group, Group I.

Breakdown of Claims

The Examiner has divided the pending claims into two groups:

Group I-Claims 1-14 and 30-32; and

Group II-Claims 15-29.

The Examiner has also divided the pending claims into five species:

Species 1-Claims 3 and 17;

Species 2-Claims 4 and 18;

Species 3-Claims 5 and 19;

Species 4-Claims 7, 9, 21, and 23; and

Species 5-Claims 8, 10, 22, and 24.

Applicant elects Group II and Species 2 with traversal.

SUMMARY

Applicant believes the above remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 17, 2003. If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Mimi Dao at (408) 720-8300.


Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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